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Andy and Charlie – the attached letter acknowledges the differences of opinion among Atlantic Richfield and the agencies related to the extent to which naturally occurring Arsenic contributes to arsenic concentrations in the Anaconda Area. Notwithstanding these differences, Atlantic Richfield appreciates receipt of the Agencies' proposal for a programmatic approach to deal with arsenic in domestic groundwater supplies. An agreed –upon programmatic approach would allow the parties to set aside their different views of the facts and law.

We agree that it makes sense for the parties' to focus their efforts toward defining a programmatic approach that works for all parties and protects the public. Accordingly, Atlantic Richfield will defer preparation of a formal response to the Agencies November 20th letter and enclosures while the parties' explore a programmatic approach.

Happy Holidays to everybody.

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